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4N5, MACEDONIA. This country is still under study by the ARRL Awards Committee for possible DXCC country status, but this may change. This week Macedonia was approved for U.N. admission by the Security Council after months of haggling with Greece over the symbolism of former Yugoslav republic's name and flag. Under a compromise worked out with Greece, the new country was admitted with the cumbersome provisional name "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia." Negotiators will choose a new name later. (from the Associated Press)

5A, LIBYA (and 3V, TUNISIA). Information from Murphy, W4WMQ, and Verne, W8BLA, indicate that Romeo, 3W3RR, was reportedly in the hospital with pneumonia, but there are reports now stating he is out. The reported status of these operations is that the equipment for both 5A and 3V are still in Sofia. At this time there are insufficient funds for the operations and the DXpeditions will be postponed until May. Also, there has been some "coordination difficulties" with 5A officials. It was also reported that Romeo may make it to Dayton Hamvention depending on his health.

5X, UGANDA. Paul, WF5T, supplied OPDX with more information on his upcoming DXpedition to 5X-land. Paul mentions not only is James, N3JCL, accompanying him, but Jim, KF7E, has been added to the trip. Jim is awaiting his own assigned call sign and plans to do his own QSLing. Tentatively, they plan to start operations from the Queen Elizabeth National Park in the Southwestern part of Uganda. Do to travel time, they may not be on the air until April 28.

9G, GHANA. The 9G1AA operators have stated that they will be shutting down their station at 0000z, April 12th. The operators were invited to return to Ghana and have stated they would return in November. They have a permanent license. It was also reported that the operators did not operate any RTTY because the equipment was damaged in transit and was unrepairable. They tried to arrange for replacement gear, but were unsuccessful. Jules, W2JGR, was told by one of the operators that "RTTY is completely out of the question for this trip, but will be definitely in the next trip".

BY, CHINA. Dieter, DJ7BU, has been active on 30 meters using the university club station BY1QH. He usually can be found on Saturdays around 1000z. When working Dieter, QSL via to his CBA.

ET, ETHIOPIA. There has been plenty of activity from this one by ET3DX, ET3TI, ET3YU and ET3SID. Most of the activity seems to be on 15 and 20 meters. QSL ET3DX to JH1AJT, ET3TI to OH5MVT, ET3YU to YU1FW and ET3SID to Syd T. May, POB 60222, UNECA ADDIS ABEBA, Ethiopia.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. The 17th Annual DXpedition to Liechtenstein by the Wiesbaden Amateur Radio Club (DA1WA) will take place May 28th thru June 6th (There will be some individual activity after June 6th.). HB0/DA1WA will operate on CW, SSB, PR, RTTY, AMTOR, PACTOR and Satellite. Activity will be on 160 thru 10 meters as well as 2 and 6 meters. North American QSLs go to KN6G at Box 4205, APO AE 09192. QSLs outside of N.A. go to DJ0LC.

Wulf, DL2GWL, and Andy, DL8GCL, will also be active from here for 4 days, May 13-16. Callsigns HB0/DL2GWL and HB0/DL8GCL will be used on the HF bands. QSL direct with one IRC to: DL8GCL, A. Lenk, Am Eichwald 15, D-7898 Lauchringen or DL2GCL, W. Lang, Bundesstrasse 12, D-7898 Lauchringen.

JT, MONGOLIA. Jeff, N9HZQ, received a letter from John, N9JXU, stating the following: Dave, JT1/KB9IBZ, who is a missionary in Ulaan Baator, meets with his QSL Manager John, N9JXU, every Friday at 0100z on 14220 kHz. Anyone who needs JT is invited to stop by. John also mentioned that Dave and the MRSF club radio station is in need of some tubes. If you have any of the following tubes, PLEASE contact John, N9JXU: 2 - 12BY7A, 2 - S2001 (6146B), 2 - 6EJ7, 2 - 6JSC6 and 4 - 811A.

V4, ST. KITTS. Joe, WB8GEX, and John, WZ8D, will be active April 10th thru the 17th. Callsigns will be V47NF and V47WZ. Activity will be on all bands and they plan to operate on the low end of the General's portions of the band (if needed, they will listen up 4 to 5 kHz). Look for them on 28494 kHz +/- QRM. For 160 meters, check 1834 kHz at 0200z. QSL's for V47NF go to WB8GEW (not WB8GEX) and for V47WZ, they go to WZ8D.

VK9Z, MELLISH REEF. Guy Collin, ON4ACG, is soliciting for more operators for the mid to late September DXpedition to Mellish Reef. If interested, contact Guy for more details. His phone number is 016.44.55.59 and his FAX number is 016.44.33.62.

XT, BURKINA FASO. Peter, XT2BW, has been quite active on RTTY on or around 14086 kHz at 0630z. Peter mentioned that he likes to show up from time to time on RTTY before he leaves for work in the mornings. QSL via WB2YQH.

ZA1A CARDS. Martti Laine, OH2BH, has mentioned this weekend that OH2BGH will be bringing ZA1A QSL cards with him to be mailed in the USA. These are the cards that came with non-standard European sized envelopes. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, sending non-standard European sized envelopes in Finland requires more than \$1 U.S. postage.

DXAC NEWS. The result DXAC vote on Czechoslovakia was released this week and the DXAC voted 16-0 to delete Czechoslovakia and to add the Czech and Slovak Republics as new DXCC countries. This recommendation will now be

sent to the ARRL Awards Committee for action.

The DXAC also voted against a change in Rule 10. The voted was 14 to 1 not to change DXCC Rule 10 to allow contacts made from a club station to apply to an individual's DXCC award. Committee members saw no compelling reason to change the existing rule.

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